. **Extension of the raw cotton Monopoly Purchase Scheme**

†1531. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have extended the raw cotton monopoly purchase scheme for a further period of five years i.e. till June, 2006 on the request of Government of Bihar;

(b) if so, whether any request has been received from the Government of West Bengal also for providing such a benefit to the State with regard to the purchase of raw jute; and

(c) if so, the decision taken thereon by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) No such request was received from Government of Bihar.

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(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Creation of Garments and Textiles Modernisation Fund

1532. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to create a Garments and Textiles Modernisation Fund with $ 250 million to help financing of State of the art equipment at international interest rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OFTEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.